GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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ENDANGERED HISTORICAL SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some historical Indian sites are among the world`s 100 most endangered sites threatened either by climatic change or unregulated development according to international panel;

(b) if so, the details of the historic sites so identified by the international panel; (

(c) whether the Government has gone through the report of the international panel in this regard; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE SYATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) The World Monument Fund (WMF), a private organization with headquarters in New York, USA, has published a list of 100 most endangered sites (2008) located across the world. Out of these, only one site, namely the ancient buildings of 19th century in Chettinad (Karaikudi District of Tamil Nadu) is located in India and this site is not a centrally protected monument.

WMF is not a UNESCO agency.

(c) & (d) The question does not arise.